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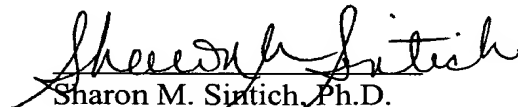
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Applicants: Han *et al.*
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to an official action mailed March 15, 2002, wherein pending claims 1-8, 10, 11, 46-48, and 59-64 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, and 112, first and second paragraphs. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely filed along with a petition for a three month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

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